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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This responds to the Office Action dated on November 1, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from February 1, 2006 to April 1, 2006 (Saturday).